

Certificate of Need (CON) and Licensure Programs for Home Health in Selected States

State	Meter Score: Home Health	CON Program	CON Program: Home Health	License for Home Health Required	License for Other Non-Medicare Certified Home Care Providers	Number of Medicare-Certified HHAs (per 100,000 beneficiaries)		Percent of Medicare Home Health Users (as percent of Medicare beneficiaries)		Medicare Home Health Agency Visits per Person Served (Average)	
						2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
MI	95	Yes	No	No	No	14	19	9.1	9.6	25	22
CA	85	No	No	Yes	No	14	16	7.5	5.1	31	27
PA	85	No	No	Yes	Yes	14	14	9.4	7.4	24	20
UT	85	No	No	Yes	Yes	21	23	8.4	8.0	45	41
NJ	80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	4	7.8	7.3	25	21
NM	80	No	No	Yes	NA	24	26	6.0	5.4	26	24
GA	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	10	7.0	7.3	29	25
NV	75	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	15	20	7.1	5.5	28	24
HI	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8	8	2.6	1.9	19	17
MD	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7	7	7.2	7.0	20	17

Sources: AHRQ, Best Performing States Across All Measures in Home Health Care; <http://statesnapshots.ahrq.gov>. The summary meter measure was used to select states, and included all states with a meter score of 75 or higher.

State-specific information on Certificate of Need (CON) programs and licensure processes for home health services for selected states were obtained by telephone interviews conducted by the Maryland Health Care Commission staff during the time period of October 20, 2008 through October 29, 2008.

Supply and utilization of Medicare-certified home health agencies for selected states are based on national data presented in two sources published by the AARP Public Policy Institute: *Reforming the Health Care System: State Profiles 2003 and 2005*; and *Across the States: Profiles of Long-Term Care and Independent Living, 2006*.

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